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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
ALEXIS COLLETTE, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/519,950 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 29, 2004 :  
FOR: SYSTEM, METHOD, DEVICE, AND :  
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT :  
FOR EXTRACTION, GATHERING, :  
MANIPULATION, AND ANALYSIS :  
OF PEAK DATA FROM AN :  
AUTOMATED SEQUENCER :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 15 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.